

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 and cancel Claim 2 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A pouch-type lithium secondary battery comprising:

a battery unit comprising:

 a positive electrode plate,

 a separator, and

 a negative electrode plate,

 wherein the separator is disposed between the positive and negative electrode plates;

 electrode tabs extending from each of the positive and negative electrode plates;

 a case having a space to accommodate the battery unit, comprising upper and lower case bodies that are joined together at a sealing portion disposed along the periphery of the space, wherein the sealing portion comprises an interior sealing surface and an exterior sealing surface defining an outer edge; and

 a protection circuit board directly electrically connected to the positive and negative electrode plates, via the electrode tabs, the protection circuit board having electrode terminals, wherein,

wherein the electrode tabs extend from the positive and negative electrode plates, through the inner sealing surface of the case past the outer edge of the sealing portion, and are bent only once at bent portions, so as to extend in a plane that is disposed at a substantially right angle with respect to a plane of the sealing portion, without extending beyond a thickness of the case,

wherein the protection circuit board is disposed between an outer wall of the case and the bent electrode tabs, and

wherein the electrode terminals of the protection circuit board contact the electrode tabs bent in a direction that is vertical with respect to the sealing portion of the case, so that the vertically extending portions of the electrode tabs are positioned outwards of the outer edge of the sealing portion, and

wherein the electrode tabs are disposed parallel to the outer wall of the case, in an upright position, and are perpendicular to a contact surface at which the sealing surface is contacted.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

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7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The pouch-type lithium secondary battery of claim 1, further comprising insulating tape to provide electrical insulation between the electrode tabs and the sealing portion, wherein the insulating tape is wrapped around the portions of the electrode tabs bent from a leading edge of the sealing portion.

9. (Canceled)

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15. (Canceled)

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18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The pouch-type lithium secondary battery of claim 1, wherein the electrode tabs connect to the protection circuit board on a side opposite to the outer wall of the case.